Separate Law for Jawaharlal Nehru Port

112. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to enact a separate law for the Jawaharlal Nehru Port; and

(b) if so, what are the salient features of the proposed legislation?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K. P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) The proposal is under consideration of the Government.

(b) The question does not arise till a final decision is taken on (a) above.

संचार माध्यमों की स्वायत्तता हेतु पी०टी०आई० द्वारा प्रारूप का तैयार किया जाना

113. **डा० रत्नाकर पांडेय** : क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या समाचार एजेन्सी, "प्रेस ट्रस्ट आफ़ इंडिया" ने संचार माध्यमों को स्वायत्तता प्रदान किये जाने का मूर्त रूप देने के लिए किसी योजना का कोई प्रारूप सरकार के पास भेजा है :

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) इस पर सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री तथा संसदीय कार्य मंत्री (श्री पी० उपेन्द्र) : (क) जी, नहीं ।

(ख) और (ग) के सवाल पैदा ही नहीं होते ।

Upgradation of State Highways into National Highways in Tamil Nadu

114. SHRI S. K. T. RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Tamil Nadu have sent proposals for upgradation of State Highways into National Highways;

(b) if so, what are the details of State Highways suggested for upgradation;

(c) whether Government of India have conducted a survey for upgradation; and

(d) if so, the details of the State Highways taken up for upgradation into National Highways?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K. P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During the 7th (1985—90) Plan, the Government of Tamil Nadu proposed the following two roads for declaring as National Highways *viz.*:

(i) East Coast Road from Madras to Kanyakumari; and

(ii) Road link from Nagercoil (on N.H. 47) to Kavalkinaru (on N.H. 7).

However, in December, 1989, P.W.D. Minister, Government of Tamil Nadu handed over a list of additional 16 roads shown in the attached Statement for inclusion in the N.H. grid during the 8th Five Year Plan. (*See* below).

(c) No, Sir. A survey is conducted normally only after the declaration of a road as a National Highway.

(d) In February, 1989, the Cochin-Madurai Road was declared as a National Highway which includes 180 Kms. in Tamil Nadu out of the total length of 280 Kms. The inclusion of any of the other roads in N.H. grid